

# Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## Fiscal Note

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HF 2264 - Woman's Right to Know (LSB 5423 YH)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Requested by Representative Mary Mascher

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### **Description**

House File 2264 establishes a new chapter in the Code of Iowa relating to informed consent prior to an abortion. The Bill specifies the required informed consent provisions and provides alternatives to providing informed consent in the case of a medical emergency. The Bill requires the Department of Public Health to publish or make available certain information relating to options for managing a pregnancy. The Bill also provides penalties.

### **Assumptions**

1. The number of providers (physicians or physician's agents) would range from 7,000 – 10,000.
2. The Department of Public Health would incur costs of approximately \$3,000 for printing and distributing patient certification forms.
3. Materials which provide a geographically-indexed list of public and private agencies and services available to assist the patient would be developed and printed by the Department. The cost would be approximately \$9,000 (\$0.37 per copy for 25,000 copies).
4. The Department of Public Health would reprint copies of Fetal Growth and Development, which was prepared by the South Dakota Department of Health in response to similar legislation and has been offered to other states for printing. The estimated cost would be \$0.82 for each reprint and necessary addendums for a total of approximately \$21,000 for 25,000 copies.
5. Service agencies materials and fetal characteristics materials would be mailed together. Mailing costs would be approximately \$19,000 if bulk mail were used.
6. The Department of Public Health would require \$44,000 and 1.0 FTE position for a program planner to help develop and administer the Program.
7. The Bill does not require the Department to publish materials to the Internet, therefore, no associated costs have been included in the estimate. The estimated cost for publishing and maintaining the specified materials on the Internet would be approximately \$9,000 annually.
8. The cost of a 1-800 number would vary depending on the number of hours it would be answered per week and the manner by which calls would be answered (by person, or a recording device). The cost could range from \$75,000 - \$150,000 per year. The Bill does not require the Department of Public Health to use a 1-800 number; therefore, no associated costs have been included in the estimate.
9. The estimate does not include the potential impact on the Judicial Department, as an impact cannot be determined due to a lack of data regarding the number and duration of cases that might result from this Bill.

### **Correctional Impact**

There is no significant correctional impact as a result of the provisions of HF 2264.

### **Fiscal Impact**

House File 2264 would result in an annual cost to the General Fund of \$96,000.

	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Department of Health	
Patient Certification Forms	\$ 3,000
Geographically-Indexed Materials	9,000
Printing	21,000
Mailing	19,000
Staff Support	44,000
Total Department of Health	<u>\$ 96,000</u>
Judicial Department	<u>Unknown</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 96,000</u>

Judicial Department costs cannot be determined; therefore, no associated costs have been included in the estimate.

### **Sources**

Department of Public Health  
Judicial Department  
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division, Department of Human Rights  
Department of Corrections

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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